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Office Action Summary

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 February 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13, 14, 17, 18 and 20-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-14, 17-18, and 20-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 13-14, 17-18, and 20-27 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 13-14, 17-18, and 20-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 5,710,884 by Dedrick.

In claim 13, Dedrick teaches about a user information processing system having a terminal unit employed by a user “client system” and a server “metering server” to which said terminal unit can have access, said system comprising (Col 9, line 55-Col 10, line 60):

said terminal unit for accumulating terminal use record information upon use of said terminal unit by said user and the profile information of said user generated on the basis of said terminal use record information (Col 6, lines 10-67); and

said server for producing said profile information on the basis of said accumulated terminal use record information (Col 6, lines 10-35); and

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storing means detachably provided in said terminal unit for storing at least one of said use record information and said profile information “PCMCIA Flash memory card” (Col 6, lines 20-35).

In claim 14, Dedrick teaches about a terminal unit comprising:

use record information writing means for writing use record information used by the user (Col 6, lines 1-20);

transmitting means for transmitting said use record information accumulated in storing means to profile information generating means remote from the terminal unit for every prescribed timings wherein said storing means is detachably provided in said, terminal unit “PCMCIA Flash memory card”; (Col 6, lines 20-67);

profile information writing means for receiving the profile information of said user based on said use record information, which is transmitted from said profile information generating means and writing said received profile information in said storing means (Col 6, lines 20-67); and

selecting means for selecting provided information corresponding to said profile information written in said storing means from among provided information transmitted from prescribed information providing means (Col 7, lines 25-67).

In claim 17, Dedrick teaches about a terminal unit according to claim 14, wherein

said transmitting means transmits said profile information stored in said storing means as well as said use record information accumulated in said storing means to said profile information generating means (Col 6, lines 50-67);

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said profile information writing means receives the new profile information of said user based on said use record information which is transmitted from said profile information generating means and said stored profile information, and writes said received new profile information in said storing means (Col 6, lines 50-67); and

said selecting means selects said provided information on the basis of said new profile information written in said storing means detachably provided in said terminal unit; (Col 7, lines 25-67).

In claim 18, Dedrick teaches about a terminal unit comprising:

use record information writing means for writing use record information used by a user in prescribed storing means detachably provided in said terminal unit “PCMCIA Flash memory card”; (Col 6, lines 20-35);

profile information writing means for writing profile information of said user in said storing means, wherein said profile information is generated by a profile information generating means remote from the terminal unit on the basis of said use record information accumulated in said storing means; (Col 6, lines 10-20); and

selecting means for selecting provided information corresponding to said profile information written in said storing means from among provided information transmitted from prescribed information providing means (Col 7, lines 25-67).

In claim 20, Dedrick teaches about a terminal unit according to claim 18, wherein

said profile information generating means generates the new profile information of said user on the basis of said profile information stored in said storing means as well as said use record information accumulated in said storing means (Col 7, lines 25-67);

said profile information writing means writes said generated new profile information in said storing means (Col 6, lines 10-35); and

said selecting means selects said provided information on the basis of said new profile information written in said storing means (Col 7, lines 25-67).

In claim 21, Dedrick teaches about an apparatus for providing information to a terminal unit remote from the apparatus, said apparatus comprising (Fig 1):

profile information generating means for generating the profile information of a prescribed user on the basis of the use record information of said terminal unit of said user transmitted from said terminal unit (Col 6, lines 10-20);

transmitting means for transmitting said generated profile information to said terminal unit (Col 6, lines 50-67); and

storing means detachably provided in said terminal unit for accumulating said use record information and said profile information "PCMCIA Flash memory card" (Col 6, lines 20-35).

In claim 22, Dedrick teaches about an apparatus for providing information according to claim 21, wherein

said profile information generating means generates the new profile information of said user on the basis of said use record information and the past profile information of said user transmitted from said terminal unit (Col 7, lines 25-67); and

said transmitting means transmits said new profile information thus generated to said terminal unit (Col 7, lines 1-25).

In claim 23, Dedrick teaches about an apparatus for providing information to a terminal unit remote from the apparatus, said apparatus comprising (Fig 1):

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profile information generating means for generating the profile information of a prescribed user on the basis of the use record information of said terminal unit of said user transmitted from said terminal unit; and

storing means for storing said profile information thus generated , wherein said storing means is a storage medium detachably provided in said terminal unit “PCMCIA Flash memory card”. (Col 6, lines 20-67).

In claim 24, Dedrick teaches about an apparatus for providing information according to claim 23 comprising (Fig 1):

said profile information generating means generates new profile information of said user on the basis of said use record information and the past profile information of said user stored in said storing means (Col 7, lines 25-67); and

said storing means stores said new profile information thus generated (Col 6, lines 20-67).

In claim 25, Dedrick teaches about an apparatus for providing information according to claim 23 further comprising (Fig 1):

selecting means for selecting information supplied to said user on the basis of the profile information stored in said storing means (Col 7, lines 25-67).

In claim 26, Dedrick teaches about the user information processing system “client monitor” according to claim 13, wherein said server generates new profile information on the

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basis of said profile information of said user and said accumulated terminal use record information (Col 5, lines 20-67).

In claim 27, Dedrick teaches about a user information processing system comprising:

a terminal unit adapted to accumulate terminal use record information upon use of the terminal unit by a user "client monitor" (Col 5, lines 20-67); and

a server "metering server" adapted to generate profile information of the user on the basis of the terminal use record information accumulated by the terminal unit, wherein said terminal unit is adapted to accumulate the profile information generated by said server (Col 10, lines 5-20).

Conclusion

3. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US Patent No. 6,513,039 by Kraenzel teaches about a profile inferencing through automated access control list analysis heuristics.

US Patent No. 6,460,036 by Herz teaches about a system and method for providing customized electronic newspapers and target advertisements.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael S. A. Delgado whose telephone number is 703-305-8057. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 AM - 4.30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David A Wiley can be reached on (703)308-5221. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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